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Docket No. AUS9-2000-0724-US1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):  
**Rabindranath Dutta**

For: **Sound Muffler Device for use with a Portable Phone and Method and System in Electronic Commerce for Reservation and Lease of the Sound Muffler Device**

ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION  
ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK

Enclosed are also:

☒ **16** Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ **5** Pages of Claims  
☒ **4** Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
☒ Form PTO 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ Copies of References  
☒ Our return postcard

## CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	14	-20 = 0	X \$ 18	= \$0
Independent Claims	5	-3 = 2	X \$ 80	= \$160
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$270	= \$0
<b>Total Filing Fee</b>				<b>= \$870</b>

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